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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY (PARAPHRASED) OF SECDEF SCHLESINGER
 PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT PENTAGON, JUNE 17:

1. DISAGREEMENT WITH HAK OVER SALT PREPARATIONS FOR
 MOSCOW SUMMIT -- REPORTS OF DISAGREEMENT ARE EXAGGERATED,
 UNTIL SUCH TIMES AS FINAL POSITIONS ARE FORMULATED, WE DO
 NOT KNOW WHAT DIFFERENCES IN EMPHASIS THERE MAY BE,
 FINAL POSITION WILL BE FORMULATED AFTER PRESIDENT'S
 RETURN FROM ME. IN END THERE WILL BE HARMONIOUS NATIONAL
 POSITION.

2. AGREEMENTS AT MOSCOW SUMMIT -- DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS
 LIKELIHOOD OF ACHIEVING PERMANENT AND COMPREHENSIVE
 TEST BAN AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW. ON OTHER HAND, THERE ARE
 AREAS WHERE PROGRESS MAY BE MADE -- "REDUCTIONS IN NUMBERS
 OF TESTS, THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND THE LIKE" ARE POSSIBLE.

EXTENSION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT DEPENDS ON ANCILLARY ASPECTS
 OF EXTENSION. BELIEVE EXTENSION COULD ONLY BE DESIRABLE
 IN ACHIEVING RECOGNIZABLE DEGREE OF RESTRAINT WITH RESPECT
 TO DEPLOYMENT OF MISSILES AND R&D.

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MUST BE CAREFUL TO SEE IN ANY ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT THAT BALANCE COMES OUT NOT DETRIMENTAL TO US MILITARY POSITION "OVERALL" (SCHLESINGER EMPHASIS). RECOGNIZE THAT LIMITS ARE ALSO PLACED ON OPPONENTS.

IN POLITICAL SENSE, AN UNDERGROUND TEST BAN HAS ADVANTAGES. IN MILITARY SENSE, WOULD HAVE TO BE WEIGHED MORE CLOSELY.

3. IMPEACHMENT POLITICS AT SUMMIT -- PRESIDENT WOULD DO NOTHING INTENTIONALLY TO DAMAGE US NATIONAL SECURITY. HE IS A VISCERAL, INSTINCTIVE PATRIOT.

4. SOVIET MISSILE PROGRAM -- BELIEVE SOVIET PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD IN THOSE AREAS NOT LIMITED BY 1972 AGREEMENT. WOULD NOT SAY SOVIETS HAVE UNILATERALLY RESTRAINED THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE BUILT SILOS AND ARE CONVERTING OTHERS WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE INTENDED FOR NEWLY DEVELOPED MISSILES.

WE SHOULD BE VERY FIRM TO SOVIETS THAT BOTH SIDES ADHERE TO PRINCIPLES OF 1972 MOSCOW AGREEMENT, THAT NEITHER SIDE ATTEMPT TO SEEK ADVANTAGES.

5. SIGNIFICANCE OF SALT I -- CLEARLY STOPPED MOMENTUM OF SOVIET ICBM PROGRAM. WE MUST ULTIMATELY MOVE TOWARD ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE. SALT I WAS A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP WHOSE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE DEPENDS ON SUCCEEDING STEPS.

6. SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL -- THIS ASSISTANCE IS NOT WHOLLY WITHOUT RISK, BUT RISK IS RELATIVELY SLIGHT GIVEN TYPE OF SAFEGUARDS BY US AND IAEA. CONFIDENT CAN DETECT ANY SIGNIFICANT CAMPAIGN OF DIVERSION OF MATERIALS TO WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

7. ARMS TO EGYPT -- IF EGYPT MAKES A REQUEST, USG WOULD GIVE IT VERY CONSIDERED TREATMENT. THERE ARE ADVANTAGES IN NOT HAVING EGYPT DEPEND ON ONE SOURCE OF ARMS OTHER THAN THE US.

8. PRC NUCLEAR TEST -- WAS IN AREA OF ONE MEGATON. REFLECTS SLOW PACE OF PRC PROGRAM, PACE NOT HIGH BUT MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL.

9. NPG MEETING -- EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DEFMIN. OTHERS HAVE STUDIED IMPLICATIONS OF NEW HENCE TO SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE. SISCO

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